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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PN

SUBJ: POSSIBLE GOP EXPLOITATION OF LABOR PROBLEMS

IN CANAL ZONE

AWARE OF DELICATE SITUATION CANAL ZONE GOVERNMENT  
FACES AS RESULT OF POSSIBLE LARGE-SCALE RESIGNATION  
OF CANAL PILOTS AND "SYMPATHY" WALKOUTS BY OTHER  
ZONE LABOR GROUPS, AND MINDFUL OF GOP'S PREDILECTION  
FOR EXPLOITING SUCH SITUATIONS PUBLICLY AND THEREBY  
EXACERBATING THEM (AS WAS CASE WITH TORRIJOS' TELEVI-  
SION REMARKS SOME WEEKS AGO), COUNTRY DIRECTOR  
EXPLAINED PROBLEM IN DETAIL TO AMBASSADOR GONZALEZ  
AFTERNOON SEPTEMBER 28 AND SUGGESTED THAT INTERESTS  
OF BOTH GOVERNMENTS WOULD BE SERVED IF CZG WERE  
ALLOWED TO WORK ITS WAY OUT OF PROBLEM UNBURDENED  
BY INTRUSION OF "FOREIGN POLICY IMPLICATIONS."  
(POINT SEEMED WORTH MAKING EVEN THOUGH TORRIJOS  
ABSENT FROM COUNTRY -- AND PERHAPS MORE WORTH  
MAKING.) GONZALEZ SAID HE UNDERSTOOD POINT AND  
WOULD RELAY IT, THOUGH HE COULD GUARANTEE NOTHING.

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